from M/s. HOLEC, Netherlands who have already been awarded a contract for supply of similar equipment by the Kerala State Electricity Board. Their offer has been found to be technically and commercially competative. Decision to place the orders in such cases can be taken by DESU with the approval of its competent authority.

Objection by Government of Sikkim the Execution of Teesta Power Project by NTPC

1261. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:
MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Sikkim objected to the execution of Teesta Power Project by NTPC with private sector collaboration;

(b) whether it is also a fact that for the same project, Government of Sikkim are negotiating with private entrepreneurs for execution of this project; and

(c) what are the details of the controversy and what steps Government have taken to resolve the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): The Government of Sikkim had recently indicated their intention to withdraw the consent given by them earlier for execution of Teesta Hydroelectric Project (Stage-III) in the Central Sector by NHPC.

(b) The Government of Sikkim had indicated that they had received enquiries from some private sector companies for execution of the project.

(c) The matter has been discussed between the Government of India and the State Government in which the latter agreed that the project may be implemented by NHPC on its own or jointly with a partner. Certain assurances sought by the State Government in regard to employment of and award of petty contracts to local people and keeping open the possibility of equity participation by the State Government, were given to them. The matter is under further negotiation.

अनुसूचित जनजातियों के गांवों का विद्युतीकरण न किया जाना

1262. **श्री राम सिंह राठवा :** क्या विद्युत मंत्री 12 मई, 1992 को राज्य सभा में अतारांकित प्रश्न 1771 के दिये गये उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि अनुसूचित जनजातियों के बाहुल्य वाले उन गांवों की राज्यवार संख्या कितनी है जिनका विद्युतीकरण अभी तक नहीं किया गया है तथा ये ग्राम कुल ग्रामों का कितना प्रतिशत है ?

विद्युत मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री कल्पनाथ राय) : 31-3-1992 की स्थिति के अनुसार अनुसूचित जनजाति बहुल आबादी वाले अविद्युतीकृत गांवों तथा इन गांवों की कुल जनजातीय गांवों के साथ प्रतिशतता का राज्यवार ब्यौरा विवरण में दिया गया है ।